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IN THE LIME LIGHT

Secretary Ballinger, of the Interior department, is more conspicuously in the lime light than any other member of President Taft's cabinet, and we presume that by this time there are but very few people in the United States who are ignorant of the reason for this fact. A little coterie of political enemies, headed by a muck raking magazine are industriously engaged in an effort to falsify the record, and make it appear that the publicity now given to his acts is to be accounted for by wrong-doing on his part, but as we have said above, the real reason is now very generally known. He held a subordinate position under the administration of Mr. Taft's immediate predecessor, when it was the rule to enforce the policy of the administration without regard to the terms of the law. Mr. Ballinger believed in the enforcement of the law, and when he found that he was expected to disregard the law, and enforce the policies of his superiors in office, he resigned. This exhibition of a high respect for the law caused Mr. Taft to look upon him as a proper man for a seat in the cabinet, and he was promptly slated for Secretary of the Interior. It is said, indeed, that his selection was the first one made by Mr. Taft, whose strict regard for the law is well known to the whole country. Being thus placed at the head of the department he promptly caused the undoing of some of the acts which had been tolerated by his predecessor, and thereupon all those who had been permitted to carry out their own notions without regard to the law in the case, at once set up a general bawling at his heels, and by the assistance of a yellow magazine have been able to make a great deal of noise. All the charges which they brought against Mr. Ballinger have been thoroughly investigated by Mr. Taft, and pronounced groundless, while the ring leader in the matter was unceremoniously dismissed from office.

Every unprejudiced person will admit that Mr. Taft, with all the facts on both sides before him, is a much more competent judge of the matter than any of those who see only one side, and are actuated by personal malice, hence the reputation of these groundless charges, by discredited witnesses, after Mr. Taft has exploded them, becomes an attack upon the president rather than upon the secretary, and the impression is becoming very general among the people of the country that this is the real, under-the-surface object of the whole dirty assault upon Ballinger.

COMING INVESTIGATIONS.

The coming session of congress bids fair to become known as the session of investigations. Accusations are flying in every direction. The sugar trust is again under fire. Has it corrupted the customs service of the treasury department and snared officials high and low, as now alleged? And then we hear about the pro-trust and the anti-trust; the loss to the government by this and by that; tyranny in office, and attempted tampering with officials for private gain. So much talk has created curiosity, and in a government like this curiosity must be reckoned with. Next year a new house and a third of the senate will be in the scale, and such investigations as may be ordered will enter into the campaign.

AMONG THE UNEMPLOYED.

The Rev. H. N. Cunningham, rector of Christ church, in Watertown, Connecticut, calls attention to Copd's liability by the following paragraph printed in the parish paper of his church:

"The bulletin has had a distressingly small number of marriages to record lately, so much so that our compositor was so unacquainted with the heading 'Married' that he read the fate of a couple last month as 'murdered.' We hope not. We have the reputation of doing a better job than that."

A FEW PLAIN FACTS.

It is a fact not questioned by any well informed person, that the Rio Grande valley in New Mexico is one of the most fertile stretches of land to be found anywhere upon the earth's surface. It is also a well known fact that one of the richest sections of that rich valley lies in

Bernalillo county, and yet it is equally well known that ninety per cent, at least of the land in that valley within the limits of this county is still practically in a state of nature.

While, as a nation, we are spending hundreds of millions for the conservation of our natural resources, here is a local resource that is being utterly neglected, and allowed to go to waste. We have the climate, the soil, and the water which, if utilized in combination, could be made to supply all the vegetable food required by all the people of the county, and leave hundreds of car loads annually to be shipped abroad to people in other sections of the country, thus bringing back to us more money than we now draw from the outside world by any other one resource, and yet instead of husbanding this valuable resource for our own good, and for the enrichment of our own locality, we continue to import from other sections a very large part of the products we consume, and send away hundreds of thousands of our money for the enrichment of more enterprising people. Is that a wise policy? Certainly it is not. Then why do we continue it? Simply because the land is held by those who will not utilize it themselves nor permit others to utilize it.

All of these facts we all know to be facts. We know that the lands of the Rio Grande valley immediately tributary to Albuquerque, with their ever abundant water supply, and in this unsurpassed climate, if divided into small farms and put under intensive cultivation, would alone, put into our own hands all the resources necessary to make and keep this place a prosperous and growing city. Other people see and know these facts as well as we do, and our real estate men will tell you that they have calls nearly every day from men who would like to buy small tracts and make a business of cultivating them in a business way, but the owners or claimants of the lands, do not know their lines, and a buyer would have no certainty of getting what he might pay for. And again the same uncertainty enables the claimant to practically escape taxation, and thus be able to hold the land in an unimproved state indefinitely. But the surveying and platting of the lands of the county would serve to solve at once the whole problem. The land could then be assessed, and be made to bear its proper share of the public burden, when the claimant would be obliged to improve it himself, or sell it to some one who would. At present he simply acts the part of "the dog in the manger," and we enable him to act that part by permitting him to dodge the duties of citizenship.

THE "PASCHAL FEAST."

Those who take an interest in Christian Science affairs, are of course aware of the fact that Mrs. Stetson, the leader of the New York Insurgents, has surrendered unconditionally. She was summoned to Boston, to appear before the "Mother church," and show reason, if any she had, why she should not be set upon for infractions of the faith, and instead of putting up a fight and making things interesting, she came down with as much docility as Mr. Crockett's coon, owing up to all her short comings and crossing her heart that she would never do it again. But during the progress of the insurrection some features were brought to light, which were not without interest, even to those who do not take Christian Science very seriously. For example the following:

As part of the effort to show that Mrs. Stetson's teachings and practices had been opposed to the principles of Christian Science, there was made public a statement, signed by Margaret Beecher White, a granddaughter of Henry Ward Beecher. This statement follows:

"We practitioners of Mrs. Stetson were taught that the directors of the mother church were the enemies of Mrs. Stetson, therefore our enemies, and I frankly admit that I was prejudiced against a body of men whom I had never met. However, when we were told to treat them, and in no gentle way, I mentally refused to do it. I have never treated anyone without his knowledge or consent. To refuse openly at that time would have meant a scene, ostracism and probably my leaving the church. Other practitioners had been forced out for the refusal to do this. I preferred to keep quiet and keep my place as a member of the church.

"We practitioners were taught by Mrs. Stetson that she was Christ, Truth, and we were her disciples. Last June, before our communion, we were invited to what was called the paschal feast in Mrs. Stetson's house. We stood in a circle while she passed fish, bread and lemonade colored with raspberry syrup.

"We were told never to speak of what went on in our secret meetings or what was said in them because the other students had not risen to our height of spiritual discernment and they could not understand such high science."

SCORE ONE FOR THE ANTIS.

The woman suffrage contest has reached the stage at which more men become a mere onlooker, and will probably have to act as umpire. Mrs. Annie Meyer, in an address delivered before the Brooklyn Philosophical society a few evenings since, denounced the suffrage for women as a measure that would simply "double the ignorant vote of the country." She characterized Mrs. Pankhurst and her associates as "international carpet-baggers" and their followers as "lady-like hoodlums."

Mrs. Meyer talked for two hours on

"The Menace of Women Suffrage" and her witty sallies in decrying votes for women brought forth much laughter from the audience, the greater part of which was composed of women.

"I am not fighting my own sex," said Mrs. Meyer, as reported by the New York papers, "but on the contrary I am fighting for them. I believe in women, of course, and I believe, too, that women's work in the world is of far greater importance than man's."

"Not content with remaining in their own country, along come a number of women from England to create an uprising of 'ladylike hoodlums.' They are nothing more or less than a band of international carpet baggers. Are the suffragettes receiving more attention than we are? I don't believe they are, except, perhaps, for the reason that there are more divorcees among them than there are among us. They, too, are receiving much attention on account of their handsome gowns. Their gowns are continually being described. We are not dolls of fashion."

"They say:—If we could vote we would get out and vote for clean streets; we would go out and vote for more schools; we would go out and vote for better transit facilities." Always going out, and never staying home. If, as it is contended, the extension of suffrage to women would help poor women, I would be the first to advance the cause."

PRAYER FOR BUSINESS MEN.

Ray Stannard Baker, writing in the December American magazine on "A Vision of the New Christianity,"—a chapter in his religious serious of "The Spiritual Unrest," describes the work and ideas of Professor Walter Rauschenbush, of Rochester, whose recent book on "Christianity and the Social Crisis" has made such a widespread impression. In the course of his article, Mr. Baker, takes occasion to quote the following prayer for business men by Professor Rauschenbush:

"We plead with thee, O God, for our brothers who are pressed by the cares and beset by the temptations of business life. We acknowledge before thee our common guilt for the hardness and selfishness of our commercial life, which leads so many into temptation and causes even the righteous to slip and fall. So long as it must be that man is set against man in a struggle for wealth, help them to make their contest in some measure a test of excellence, by which even the defeated may be spurred to better work. If any man is pitted against those who have forgotten fairness and honesty, help him to put his trust resolutely in the profitability of sincerity and uprightness, and, if need be, to accept loss rather than follow the others on crooked paths. Establish in unshaken fidelity all who hold in trust the wealth of others. The property and welfare of our nation are controlled by our business men. Help them to realize that they might have high public functions and let them not betray the interests of all for their own enrichment. Grant them far-sighted patriotism to subordinate their work to the public weal, and a steadfast determination to transform the disorder of the present into the nobler and freer harmony of the future. Let the spirit of Christ, which goes out from thee and which is ceaselessly leading within us, prevail to bring our business life under Christ's law of service, that all who guide the processes of factory and trade may feel that high consciousness of divine calling which blesses only those who are the free servants of God and the people, and who are consciously devoting their strength to the common good."

A Florida editor claims that his state was the original garden of Eden. To support this view he must also contend that what Eve gave Adam to eat was not an apple, but a pineapple—Washington Star. No, it was a banana, and he slipped up on the peel.

Brotherly Love.

"Yes, they bring in a lot of eggs," related Stockkeeper Jason as he dusted out the prunes. "Why, we even receive eggs in exchange for the latest songs."

"Shake!" said the big man in the checkered suit, as he lit a stogie, "so do I."

"Hm! Storekeeping, too?"

"No, I'm a minstrel man."—Chicago News.

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THE ENTERPRISING owner of a tarantula has at least succeeded in injecting a little life into the Dead Letter office.

THE RAPID operation and phenomenal output of the Loeb canning plant would show, if nothing else did, where Loeb got his training.

MRS. STETSON appears to be outside the breastworks. Never mind, Augusta—just use a little Christian science in the matter and you will forget it.

WITH A HALF million dollar summer resort being built at High rolls the residents of that enterprising place will be justly known as high rollers.

RECENT reports from the Pecos valley indicate that the irrigating ditches will soon be overflowing with that substance made John D. Rockefeller infamous.

UNCLE SAM is confronted with the painful necessity of administering a spanking to Zelaya, which will, of course, be another case of it hurts-me-worse-than-it-does-you-my-son.

DEMOCRACY'S outlook is bright in the territory, avers an optimistic exchange. That's the trouble—the outlook is always so bright it gives the Unfortified the blinding stagers.

LAST SUNDAY there were sixty-eight traveling men in Clovis at one and the same time. It makes one want to think of the collection of ancient anecdotes distributed in Clovis.

A YELLOW BUTTERFLY in November is reported from Taos county. Maybe just another case of the moth and the flame, a stunt which has no connection with weather or season.

THE FROST is on the pumpkin, the stalks in the fields, the leaves have fallen, the cottonwood worm has gone gumming, and the baseball bug has fled. But did you ever see prettier weather?

THE VIADUCT is to have a new floor. The driving public gives a low moan of thanksgiving. Now if they will put the high speed on those two new steel bridges across the Rio Grande things will be looking up.

THE INGRATIATING senator Aldrich takes to the jolting stunt like a veteran. "I think," says a farmer, "says Nelson. Yet there are few who actually believe that Aldrich is lying awake nights grieving over the lot of the downtrodden tiller of the soil."

THOSE INSURGENTS have forced our accurate relative Mr. Cannon to do some tall explaining, along with Ballinger and others. It seems to be the explanation season for the administration, and who knows that this does not betray the delicate Romance chirography of a Shorter and Uglier president?

THE TULAROSA TRIBUNE isn't afraid that George Curry is going to run for delegate. It says: "Just between us, we don't believe when the governor lands in Tularosa and engages in business that a team of elephants could get him into public office again. This freshly thought up tale is the result of fear that he might and the allusion to the politics of Mr. Curry is intended for a knock."

"IS THERE anything less worth eating than cranberry pie?" asks the New York Sun. This remarkable query indicates that some one has been trying to force the festive cranberry out of its proper place in the scheme of things. Any such movement should be promptly repudiated. The Taos Valley News takes up the cudgel in behalf of the time honored pumpkin as follows: "Everything to its place, we suppose, and in season. No one for generation after generation, has considered a Thanksgiving banquet complete without the brilliant and delectable sauce which accompanies the turkey, and the expression 'turkey and cranberry sauce,' is absolutely established in the English language. So the cranberry can continue to be admired, honored and enjoyed in its proper place and proper season, but it should keep out of pie."

THE MORNING JOURNAL, seems unable to keep out of hot water over in the Estancia valley. It's just no use—a case of dam if you do and dam if you don't. Hereafter all persons interviewed from that section must make an affidavit specifying exact location of quarter section; where mail is received; county seat preference and whether party has Willard or Estancia affiliations. Just let us to the Estancia News: "The Albuquerque Morning Journal of Wednesday gave R. E. Chapman a nice little ad in regard to his potato crop, and then switched Mr. Chapman off as being near Montezuma. When in fact his postoffice is Marzano, and his farm north of the Marzano grant. But this is in line with the policy of the Journal recently adopted to place everything worth having along the line of the Cutoff, as tributary to Albuquerque. Our people, however, know the truth and soon come to know the truthful newspapers, and those which really advertise the valley."

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